due to non-availability of yarn and the inflated prices of the same which hit very much of export of handloom fabrics to foreign countries and to other States within India.

The high cost of yarn and also the non-availability of quality yarn hits hard the competitive capacity of the handloom fabrics in foreign countries, which may in due course, if allowed to continue like this, throw thousands of handloom weavers out of employment, besides our losing the foreign markets for the handloom goods, in the export of which only our State leads. I request the Government to do the needful immediately.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, 42s and 44s are odd counts of cotton yarn produced normally in very limited quantities for special purposes. 42s is not released for general consumption but is consumed by the composite mills. 44s count is generally used by the powerlooms on cones. Out of 118 mills of the Southern India Mill Owners' Association, only 11 mills spin 42s and 44s. The quantity spun in these two counts accounts only for 1.4 per cent in the case of 42s and 0.9 per cent in the case of 44s of the total production of the members of the Association. It is understood that the production of 42s increased slightly in recent months and the production of 44s a little more, in both cases at the expense of the output of 40 counts. One reason ascribed for this change-over is the recent increase in the prices of forty-fours (in cones) consumed by the powerlooms. It is true that by this change-over, the spinning mills can circumvent a price regulation which now applies only to the counts up to 40. But this tendency is conditioned by several limiting factors which on the whole will make it not worthwhile for the mills 'to go finer' merely to circumvent price control. By and large, there has been no serious threat to the handloom industry by the change-over of a few mills to 42s and 44s because—

(1) even the increased production of these two counts constitutes only a negligible proportion of the total yarn production of the mills in South India;

(2) the agreement between the mill-owners and the handloom industry reached in the conference recently held at Coimbatore on 30th April 1962 at my instance will ensure adequate supplies of counts 40 and below at regulated prices and of higher counts, 60 and above, at the prevailing ex-mill rates

III.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS.

(1) ASSOCIATION OF FIVE MEMBERS WITH THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I move—

"That this House nominates the following five members to associate with the Committee on Public Accounts of the Legislative Assembly for the year 1962–63 :

Sri M. Seshachariar.
Sri P. Sivasankara Mehta.
Sri T. Dorairaj.
Sri M. Subbiah Chettiar.
Sri L. S. Karayalar.''

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The question is—

" That this House nominates the following five members to associate with the Committee on Public Accounts of the Legislative Assembly for the year 1962–63 :

Sri M. Seshachariar.
Sri P. Sivasankara Mehta.
Sri T. Dorairaj.
Sri M. Subbiah Chettiar.
Sri L. S. Karayalar."

The motion was put and carried.

(2) ASSOCIATON OF FIVE MEMBERS WITH THE COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I move—

" That this House nominates the following five members to associate with the Committee on Estimates of the Legislative Assembly for the year 1962–63 :

Vidwan T. Muthukannappan.
Sri A. Subramanyan.
Sri K. Anbazhagan.
Dr. A. Chidambaranathan.
Sri A. Chidambara Mudaliar ".

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The question is—

' That this House nominates the following five members to associate with the Committee on Public Accounts of the Legis- Assembly for the year 1962–63 :

Vidwan T. Muthukannappan.
Sri A. Subramanyam.
Sri K. Anbazhagan.
Dr. A. Chidambaranathan.
Sri A. Chidambara Mudaliar.'

3-20 p.m. The motion was put and carried.

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS IRUVARAM INAM ESTATES (ABOLOTION AND CONVERSION INTO RYOTWARI) BILL, 1962 (L.A. BILL NO 2 OF 1962).

(2) THE MADRAS MINOR INAMS (ABOLITION AND CONVERSION INTO RYOTWARI) BILL, 1962 (L.A. BILL NO. 3 OF 1962).